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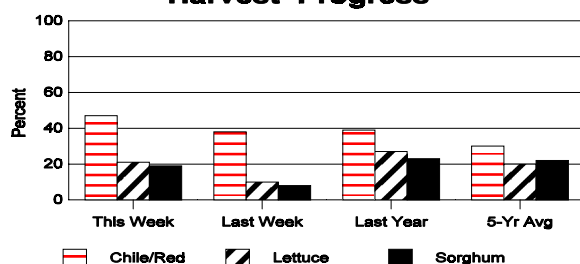
CROP SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 20, 2002

NEW MEXICO: There were 6.7 days suitable for field work. Freeze damage was 5% light and 2% moderate. Farmers spent the week harvesting vegetables and baling hay. Cotton remains in mostly fair to excellent condition, with some hail damage reported and 25% of the crop harvested. Irrigated sorghum was listed as mostly fair to good, with 88% mature and 26% harvested. Dryland sorghum is still in very poor to fair condition with 61% mature and 15% harvested. Onions are now 80% planted, with the crop starting out in fair to excellent condition. Winter wheat is in mostly fair to good condition and is 95% emerged. The red chile harvest is moving along quickly with 47% complete and the crop listed as fair to excellent. The apple harvest is practically over at 98% complete, peanuts are 42% harvested, and the lettuce crop is 21% harvested. Alfalfa conditions are reported as 6% very poor, 15% poor, 37% fair, 36% good, and 6% excellent. The 6th cutting is 81% complete and the 7th is 58% complete. Ranchers were busy moving livestock and maintaining herds and tanks. Light supplemental feeding continues. Cattle are reported as 10% very poor, 21% poor, 39% fair, and 30% good. Sheep declined, with conditions listed as 17% very poor, 39% poor, 24% fair, and 20% good. Range and pasture is listed as 35% very poor, 36% poor, 27% fair, and 2% good. Growth continues to slow due to the cooler temperatures we are experiencing.

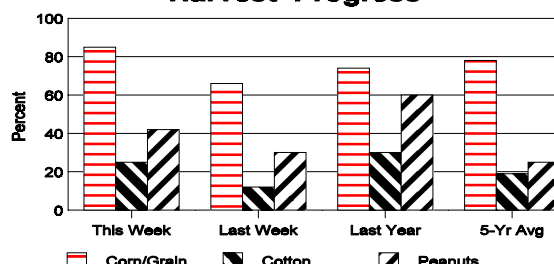
CROP PROGRESS PERCENTAGES WITH COMPARISONS

CROP PROGRESS		This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Year Average
CHILE	Harvested-Red	47	38	39	30
CORN	Harvested-Grain	85	66	74	78
COTTON	Harvested	25	12	30	10
LETTUCE	Harvested	21	10	27	20
ONIONS	Planted	80	74	70	79
PEANUTS	Harvested	42	30	60	25
SORGHUM	Mature	71	56	83	82
	Harvested	19	8	23	22

Harvest Progress



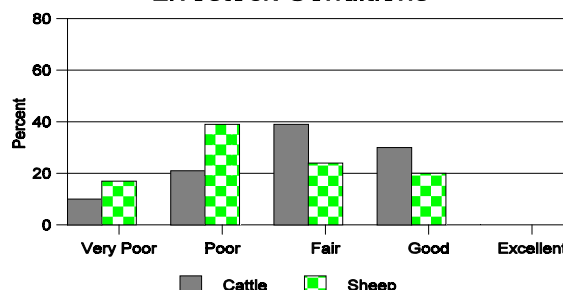
Harvest Progress



CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITION PERCENTAGES

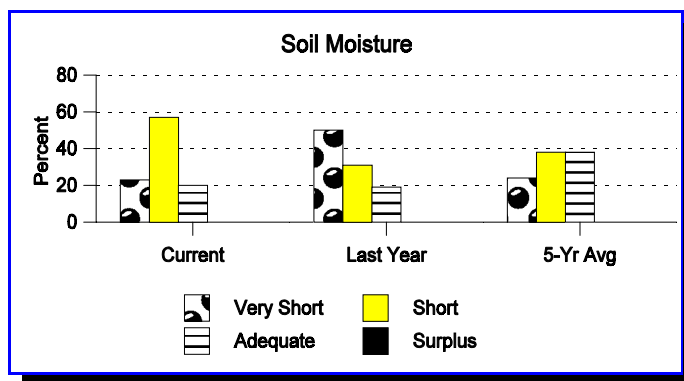
	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	6	15	37	36	6
Chile	--	--	16	50	34
Cotton	5	5	20	53	17
Lettuce	--	--	17	39	44
Onions	--	--	12	53	35
Peanuts	--	--	47	48	5
Pecans	--	--	30	41	29
Sorghum (All)	13	25	40	22	--
Wheat (All)	5	9	36	50	--
Cattle	10	21	39	30	--
Sheep	17	39	24	20	--

Livestock Conditions



SOIL MOISTURE PERCENTAGES

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Northwest	23	62	15	--
Northeast	22	56	22	--
Southwest	---	100	--	--
Southeast	37	34	29	--
State	23	57	20	--
State-Last Year	50	31	19	--
State-5-Yr Avg.	24	38	38	--



WEATHER SUMMARY

Hit and miss showers and thunderstorms during the week brought some measurable rainfall to about two-thirds of the reporting stations. Las Cruces (.71"), T or C (.57"), and Alamogordo (.52") were the only spots that measured over half an inch of rain. Temperatures were within a few degrees of normal at most locations, and the statewide average was within a degree of normal. Extremes ranged from 20 degrees at Red River on the 16th and 17th to 83 degrees at Carlsbad on the 16th.

NEW MEXICO WEATHER CONDITIONS OCTOBER 14-20, 2002

Station	Temperature			Precipitation				
	Mean	Maximum	Minimum	10/14 10/20	10/01 10/20	Normal Oct	01/01 10/20	Normal Jan-Oct
Carlsbad	60.0	83	44	0.37	0.68	1.05	9.94	11.79
Hobbs	59.7	82	42	0.44	0.78	1.49	13.43	15.02
Roswell	57.3	79	40	T	0.43	1.19	11.25	11.83
Clayton	50.7	74	32	T	0.45	0.90	7.80	14.28
Clovis	56.4	77	38	0.10	0.29	1.34	11.01	16.24
Roy	53.4	70	36	0.00	0.00	1.05	14.03	14.79
Tucumcari	54.2	74	35	0.05	0.10	0.94	12.66	13.39
Chama	42.9	67	22	0.02	0.40	1.96	8.47	18.09
Johnson Ranch	46.8	69	25	0.29	0.32	1.11	6.35	10.16
Capulin	44.8	67	22	0.00	0.00	0.97	9.73	16.27
Las Vegas	47.4	68	28	T	0.39	0.97	8.41	15.82
Los Alamos	48.1	65	32	0.44	0.59	1.32	8.44	16.62
Raton	44.9	67	24	T	0.03	0.97	8.79	15.61
Santa Fe	49.5	73	28	0.10	0.11	1.04	7.04	12.58
Red River	39.9	60	20	0.00	0.32	1.46	15.77	18.15
Farmington	51.0	70	31	0.12	0.47	0.85	4.15	7.18
Gallup	48.9	70	31	0.25	1.22	1.29	8.96	10.96
Grants	49.1	71	30	0.32	0.46	1.05	7.47	9.56
Silver City	54.8	73	30	0.12	1.02	1.16	7.55	14.02
Quemado	48.9	71	27	0.22	0.50	1.18	11.83	12.59
Albuquerque	56.6	73	40	0.05	0.05	0.89	5.03	7.95
Carrizozo	53.9	77	31	0.23	0.23	1.19	9.17	11.31
Gran Quivera	50.5	72	29	0.00	0.00	1.27	9.40	14.01
Moriarty	47.4	73	23	0.05	0.08	1.10	5.30	11.77
Ruidoso	48.7	67	27	0.19	0.40	1.31	13.77	18.84
Socorro	53.5	77	30	0.01	0.05	1.11	8.30	8.48
Alamogordo	61.3	79	43	0.52	1.14	1.30	7.01	11.21
Animas	61.2	79	32	0.00	1.98	1.15	5.75	9.91
Deming	61.4	79	43	0.38	0.95	0.98	7.05	9.09
T or C	59.5	78	41	0.57	0.57	0.95	5.79	8.62
Las Cruces	61.2	79	42	0.71	0.76	0.91	5.55	8.19

(T) Trace (-) No Report (*) Correction

All reports based on preliminary data. Precipitation data corrected monthly from official observation forms.

MILK PRODUCTION

NEW MEXICO: Milk production in New Mexico during September totaled 519 million pounds, down 3.5% percent from the previous month, but still 13.1 percent above production of one year ago.

The average number of milk cows remained steady from the previous month at 305,000 head, 13% higher than the 270,000 head of one year ago.

Milk production per cow averaged 1,700 pounds, down 65 pounds from August 2002, but holding steady with production of September 2001.

UNITED STATES: Milk production in the 20 major States during September totaled 11.8 billion pounds, up 3.3 percent from September 2001. August revised production, at 12.2 billion pounds, was up 4.1 percent from August 2001. The August revision represented an increase of 0.2 percent or 27 million pounds from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 20 major States averaged 1,510 pounds for September, 38 pounds above September 2001.

The number of cows on farms in the 20 major States was 7.79 million head, 56,000 head more than September 2001, but 4,000 head less than August 2002.

Milk Cows and Production: August 2002^{1/} and September 2001-2002

State	Milk Cows ^{2/}			Milk per Cow ^{3/}			Milk Production ^{3/}		
	9/01	8/02	9/02	9/01	8/02	9/02	9/01	8/02	9/02
	-----1,000 Head-----			-----Pounds-----			-----Million Pounds-----		
AZ	140	150	150	1,545	1,775	1,665	216	266	250
CA	1,604	1,652	1,655	1,690	1,810	1,735	2,711	2,990	2,871
FL	152	149	148	1,030	1,195	1,060	157	178	157
ID	369	395	396	1,770	1,830	1,750	653	723	693
IL	115	115	115	1,345	1,395	1,365	155	160	157
IN	154	150	149	1,310	1,410	1,370	202	212	204
IA	206	210	209	1,430	1,480	1,425	295	311	298
KY	127	122	120	975	1,025	1,000	124	125	120
MI	303	301	300	1,570	1,680	1,605	476	506	482
MN	505	485	480	1,330	1,410	1,330	672	684	638
MO	142	136	136	985	1,090	1,050	140	148	143
NM	270	305	305	1,700	1,765	1,700	459	538	519
NY	673	677	676	1,430	1,510	1,470	962	1,022	994
OH	257	264	264	1,340	1,390	1,350	344	367	356
PA	596	585	587	1,450	1,515	1,460	864	886	857
TX	318	308	309	1,120	1,290	1,260	356	397	389
VT	152	154	153	1,420	1,450	1,400	216	223	214
VA	118	119	119	1,230	1,250	1,235	145	149	147
WA	247	248	247	1,835	1,965	1,855	453	487	458
WI	1,282	1,265	1,268	1,385	1,470	1,425	1,776	1,860	1,807
20 STS	7,730	7,790	7,786	1,472	1,570	1,510	11,376	12,232	11,754

1/ Revised. 2/ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh. 3/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

CATTLE ON FEED

NEW MEXICO: Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 113,000 down by 1,000 head from September 2002. This was 16,000 more than the 97,000 head on feed October 1, 2002. Placements totaled 20,000 head compared to 22,000 head the previous month and 13,000 head placed one year ago. Marketings increased from September 2002 by 3,000 head to 18,000 while other disappearance was 3,000 head.

UNITED STATES: Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.4 million head on October 1, 2002. The inventory was 6 percent below October 1, 2001 and 5 percent below October 1, 2000. Placements in feedlots during September totaled 2.19 million, 2 percent above 2001 but 19 percent below 2000. Net placements were 2.14 million. Marketings of fed cattle during September totaled 1.85 million, 1 percent above 2001 but 7 percent below 2000. Other disappearance totaled 53,000 during September, 15 percent above 2001 but 2 percent below 2000.

Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, Placements, Marketings, and Other Disappearance, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots ^{1/}

	Number on Feed			Placed			Marketed			Other Disappearance ^{2/}		
	10/1/01	9/1/02	10/1/02	-----DURING-----								
				9/01	8/02	9/02	9/01	802	9/02	9/01	8/02	9/02
	-----1,000 Head-----											
AZ	298	285	288	33	30	30	27	29	26	1	1	1
CA	465	490	495	47	60	60	49	52	52	3	3	3
CO	1,060	1,000	1,030	265	245	255	210	230	220	5	5	5
ID	310	275	280	72	58	69	66	67	63	1	1	1
IA	310	310	315	66	56	68	65	65	62	1	1	1
KS	2,540	2,230	2,280	470	570	460	410	470	400	10	10	10
NE	1,950	1,850	1,960	450	445	450	315	380	335	5	5	5
NM	97	114	113	13	22	20	11	15	18	1	2	3
OK	390	305	330	68	74	83	71	78	57	2	1	1
SD	136	145	150	35	24	49	39	38	43	0	1	1
TX	2,990	2,680	2,720	480	530	530	465	580	470	15	10	20
WA	244	155	170	59	40	42	45	49	26	1	1	1
Oth Sts	335	290	285	83	64	72	52	82	76	1	2	1
US	11,125	10,129	10,416	2,141	2,218	2,188	1,825	2,135	1,848	46	43	53

^{1/} Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better. ^{2/} Includes death losses, movement from feedlots to pastures, and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.